REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification has been made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

This patent application includes Claims 1-37. The claims have been amended to place them in better condition for examination and to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. New claims 28-37 have been added to restore some of the dependencies eliminated by deleting multiple dependencies. These amendments to the claims do not add any new matter.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Dated: December 14, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Lerch

Registration No.: 26,936

DARBY & DARBY P.C.

P.O. Box 5257

New York, New York 10150-5257

(212) 527-7700

(212) 753-6237 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant